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HIGH TECH RECRUITING DIPS SLIGHTLY

Technical hiring during June dropped only slightly from the previous month, suggesting that the decline which began early in 1986 may have bottomed out. The HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX, a key national indicator, which stood at 104 in both April and May, slipped to 103 June. In June 1985, the HTRI, which is compiled as a three-month running average, stood at 108.

For the single month of July, technical demand was gauged at 105, up four points from the previous month.

These findings were announced today by Marjorie Freedland, Vice President and Director of Research of Deutsch, Shea & Evans, the human resources advertising, research and communications firm which has been maintaining the index since 1960.

"It is too early to judge whether the one-month improvement in July is significant," Ms. Freedland observed. "Last year, the figure for July also rose by five points over June, but then dropped sharply in August."

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"Currently, there are so many factors working against technical hiring," she noted, "Several will have to reverse before we see a marked upturn in the Index. An improvement in economic conditions generally, and the high tech industries in particular, is critical, as is renewed Federal commitment to the space program and defense spending. Resumption of sizable corporate expenditures for R&D, and a slow-down in the corporate merger trend are other crucial factors."

The HTRI is based on the volume of recruitment advertising directed to engineers and scientists in major US newspapers and technical journals each month.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY RECRUITMENT INDEX

(1961=100; Seasonally Adjusted)

Month	Single-Month Figure	High Technology Recruitment Index*
June, 1985	105	108
July	110	105
August	100	108
September	113	104
October	100	106
November	104	101
December	99	110
January, 1986	128	115
February	119	116
March	100	109
April	106	104
May	105	104
June	101	103
July	105	--

*Based on a 3-month running average

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